

# **MINUTES**

## **Bar Harbor Cruise Ship Task Force**

**Tuesday, February 26, 2008**

**11:30 AM**

**Council Chambers**

**Municipal Building**

**93 Cottage Street**

### **I. Call to Order by the Chair at 11:34 AM.**

*Members Present: Chairman Paul Paradis, Secretary Anne Krieg, Nathan Young, Charlie Phippen, Fred Cook, Amy Powers, Greg Gordon, Bob Bahr, Greg Veilleux, Mary Opdyke*

### **II. Excused Absences**

*By a motion made by Young and seconded by Cook, the task force unanimously excused Chris Fogg from the meeting.*

### **III. Minutes were tabled to the next meeting to allow for staff preparation.**

### **IV. Staff Reports**

#### **A. T-105 facility update**

Phippen indicated he had completed his study work. The Coast Guard indicated to him that the Town could submit a plan for consideration. He noted there would be certain conditions and security levels available to us. The Town would need to come up with a plan for vehicles and law enforcement.

Security management at the pier was discussed. A professional assessment of this can be contracted; however staff felt they could work out these details with the Coast Guard directly. Young noted that any changes to the management of the pier need a commitment to maintenance and operations. Phippen reminded the group that a secure facility is needed now for the existing uses of the pier.

Partnerships with Ocean Properties were discussed as a possibility with an agreement to cover management, operations and maintenance.

Phippen noted that the ships' agents are looking for options for tender landing and security clearance. Security management is not limited to the pier for ships' operations. A new Harbormaster's office could also serve as an Emergency Operation Center in the event of any incident on, off or near the Town Pier.

*Young moved with a second from Krieg to recommend to the Town Council that the Town pursue a T105 compliant facility at the Town Pier.*

**In discussion on the motion**, the task force discussed the appropriateness of the Town accepting tenders at the Town Pier; that is, if this practice was soliciting business from, or competing with the private sector. There was further discussion if the motion should be modified to reflect intent to not compete nor solicit; however the motion was not modified.

Young opined that if the town has this facility, and we need it for all operations on the pier, then why wouldn't we use it? He sees this facility as another service the town provides to the visitors and residents. How we use it, he said is still a decision for the Town to make in the future.

Phippen noted again that the tenders used to arrive at the Town Pier until changes from Homeland Security occurred.

*All were in favor of the motion.*

## **V. Regular Business**

### **A. Cruise Ship Fees to cover service costs**

Examples of costs were discussed:

- Attendance at conventions
- Police details
- Anchorage fee
- Cruise ship industry events
- Environmental monitoring
- Professional development
- Community relations
- Other security
- Infrastructure needs

Powers noted that the Town needs a strategic plan for the goals for provisions of services.

*Krieg and Paradis will bring a draft for fee structures to the next meeting.*

### **B. .Update from Ocean Properties**

Eben Salvatore noted that plan has been submitted to federal authorities for waivers on the building and the terminal.

## **VI. Public Comment**

*No public comment was provided.*

There was discussion of the town's response to the USA Today article on whether the Town wants cruise ships.

There was concern that there was a delay in responding in order to obtain Council approval of the response. Powers noted that the industry was waiting for us to respond.

**VII. Items for next agenda – fee discussion will continue.**

**VIII. Set next meeting time, date and place - March 27, 2008 at 8:30 AM.**

**IX. Adjournment at 1:50 PM by acclimation of the Chair.**

*These minutes were prepared by Anne Krieg, Planning Director and Secretary/Staff to the Task Force for distribution on March 25, 2008.*